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## **Betty T. Yee Releases Humboldt County Assessment Practices Survey Report**

Betty T. Yee, Vice Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization (BOE), today released the Humboldt County Assessment Practices Survey Report. The Report focuses on the quality of the 2006-07 Humboldt County Assessment Roll, which contains 82,765 assessments representing \$9.2 billion in value. The report shows that most properties in Humboldt County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the Assessment Roll meets state standards.

The Humboldt County Assessor has improved the overall effectiveness and operation of the assessor's office with a continued commitment to technology, purchasing a new and integrated computer system, new hardware, and new employee workstations.

The Report contains several recommendations for the Assessor, which include properly assessing private interest on government-owned property and properly assessing mineral properties.

As the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, the BOE reviews each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years and issues a report. The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county - unless specifically exempt - and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

For more information on the BOE Assessment Practices Survey program, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm)

Vice Chairwoman Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

*Click [here](#) to view the 2008 Humboldt County Assessment Practices Survey Report*

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